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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON FEBRUARY 4 DRAFT ON TARAPUR

REF: KUS/SCHNEIDER TELECON, FEBRUARY 18

1. WE FIND THE FEBRUARY 4 DRAFT COVERS THE TARAPUR PROBLEM VERY WELL WITH ONE EXCEPTION. WE RECOMMEND THAT A SECTION BE ADDED TO INDICATE THAT A SECOND CRITICAL CONSTRAINT ON TARAPUR'S UNINTERRUPTED OPERATION IS THE LACK OF ADEQUATE STORAGE FOR SPENT FUEL IF THE US NEITHER AUTHORIZES REPROCESSING NOR PROCEEDS TO REPURCHASE AND SHIP PROMPTLY. WHILE IT IS CORRECT TO SAY THAT THE US DOES NOT HAVE A LEGAL OBLIGATION IN REGARD TO STORAGE AS IT DOES IN REGARD TO NUCLEAR FUEL, THE EFFECT OF OUR REFUSAL TO PERMIT REPROCESSING OR TO REPURCHASE AND OUR SHORT NOTICE OF THESE POSITIONS WILL BE TO GIVE THE GOI LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO CLOSE DOWN WHILE ADDITIONAL STORAGE FACILITIES ARE CONSTRUCTED.

2. SINCE EXPERIENCE REGARDING FUEL FABRICATION HAS INDICATED THAT AMERICAN EXPERTS HAVE HELPED THE INDIANS
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TO FIND WAYS TO BETTER UTILIZE THEIR PRODUCTIVE CAPABILITIES, WE SUGGEST THAT YOUR DRAFT PROPOSE OUR SENDING OUT A FUEL STORAGE EXPERT WITH A VIEW TOWARD EXPLORING AND COOPERATING IN THE AREA OF URGENT CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL STORAGE SPACE. THIS WOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF DEMONSTRATING US INTEREST IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE STORAGE PROBLEM WHILE TARAPUR IS UNDER CONSIDERATION AND OF INSURING THAT THE

INDIANS DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO EXPAND STORAGE IN THE
SHORTEST AVAILABLE TIME.
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